

Marblehead Planning Board

April 11, 2023

Board met in session at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM Conferencing

The Chair called the meeting to order. All members of the Board are participating remotely. The following roll call was taken: Mr. Nilsson – present; Mr. Hyte-present; Mr. Christensen - present and Mr. Schaeffner – present. Others present: Rebecca Cutting – Town Planner

The public hearing was opened and the town planner read the legal notice.

The Marblehead Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** in accordance with MGL chapter 40A sec. 5. This hearing will be held on **Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm** remotely on zoom Join Zoom Meeting through link

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Interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard on a proposed amendment to amend the zoning bylaw by adding a new provision to allow accessory dwelling units and various amendments to sections related to accommodate the new provision.

Additionally at this meeting the board will discuss a citizen amendment to the town subdivision control bylaw which reads amend the Town bylaws Article V, Part III, Section 258-17 by inserting, “AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities (latest edition)” after “(AASHTO) publication, “A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets” (latest edition).”

Text may be inspected on the warrant at www.marblehead.org or the Select Board office in Abbot Hall 188 Washington Street or the Engineering Office at the Mary Alley building 7 Widger Road. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The board went through the ADU article. No one in the audience wished to speak on the article.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the adoption of Article 39 as written with a with an amendment that the words “a no less than 90 days” be added to the definition of short-term rental. All in favor.

Dan Albert author of the citizen article explained the thought behind his article. The board urged the citizen to work with the board so that the board can investigate the ramifications and what effects it might have. The town planner shared the comments from the DPW and Town Engineer. They raised question on how it was written. The language may have an unintended consequence. The board may want to investigate the town’s subdivision control rules and regulations in the coming years in a comprehensive way. The town does not get a lot of requests for subdivisions, so it is not the most pressing planning issue. Mr. Albert clarified he is frustrated with the transportation policies in the town. Cited the YMCA sidewalk and raised crosswalks at the rail trial crossings among other things.

A motion was made and seconded that the planning does not endorse this article at Town Meeting.

The motion was amended to recommend indefinite postponement to town meeting and seconded. All in favor.

Discussion ensued on the article and reiterated the discussions is worth having in more comprehensive way. Mr. Albert agreed he would recommend indefinite postponement.

Motion made and seconded to approve the March minutes. All in favor.

Adjourned